

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR RED CHILLY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) provided by the Government for red chilly to the farmers in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) the details of Central share therein;
- (c) whether the Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposal to the Union Government to review the MSP for red chilly; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (d): Red chilly is not covered under Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme. However, on specific request from the State Governments, the Government of India implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities generally perishable in nature and not covered under Price Support Scheme to avoid distress sales by farmers. The loss incurred, if any, in implementing the MIS is shared on 50:50 basis between the central and the State Governments.

No proposal for procurement of red chilly under MIS has been received from the Government of Karnataka.